

# ITALIANS AND JUGO-SLAVS ARE FIGHTING, PARIS HEARS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—An unconfirmed report that fighting had broken out between the Italians and Jugo-Slavs as a result of the dispute over the disposition of Dalmatian territory, was received here today. Efforts are being made to pacify the Jugo-Slavs and the Italians before the quarrel spreads any further.

The Italians allege that the Serbian army has been mobilized and that Serbia is preparing to back up Jugo-Slavia's claims for territory on the Adriatic littoral.

The Serbians are minimizing the expulsion of the Italian military mission from Laibach. They say it was only a local matter and will have no serious consequences.

## Have Eleven Divisions.

The Serbians, in denying that there has been any special mobilization of the army, assert that the Jugo-Slavs have eleven divisions. The Italians urge that this force has been collected merely to coerce the peace conference into taking action favorable to the Jugo-Slav demands in Dalmatia.

It is semi-officially admitted by the Italians that the frontier has been closed from Tarvis to Fiume.

"It is worth noting that since February 12 a train bearing released Italian subjects was attacked at the Laibach station by soldiers in Serbian uniforms, while it was returning to Italy. The soldiers tore down and burned Italian flags that had decorated the train."

The dispute has been unofficially discussed by the peace conference during the week. The Italians urged the conference to take such action as will check the alleged aggression of the Serbians.

## Root of Dispute.

The root of the dispute is Italy's demands for Fiume and the Dalmatian coast, which Serbia contends would deprive Jugo-Slovakia of all useful outlets to the Adriatic. The feeling prevails here that the conference will not tolerate any further inflammatory action and may anticipate the actual formation of a league of nations and take measures to calm the dispute.

One effective course suggested was the holding up of supplies and finances. It is believed that the economic weapon would prove most effective.

The Serbians alleged that Italy has about 2,000,000 men under arms. In this same connection Italy has begun to inquire why France has stationed practically her entire fleet in the Adriatic.

Allegation and counter allegation is being made by the respective sides. The Italians declare that many of the soldiers under arms in Jugo-Slovakia are Austrians, and that they are taking commands from German officers.

## ORLANDO PLEDGES ITALY TO SUPPORT OF LEAGUE

President Wilson today, in a personal cable from Premier Orlando, was assured the whole-hearted support of Italy in the formation of a league of nations.

The cable said: "In Paris, the heart of heroic France, through the high and persevering desire of a great leader of a great people, the nations who have fought together for the liberty and justice of the world, have also determined together in the sanctity of a solemn covenant and in the name of liberty and justice of all peoples, to establish a peace which shall reign supreme over the future destinies of the world."

"To this covenant, which shall be the intangible charter of humanity, Italy, who in the past and in the present has always championed the cause of right and proclaimed and consecrated it with her laws and with her blood, brings the contribution of her assent with fervent expression of deep conviction."

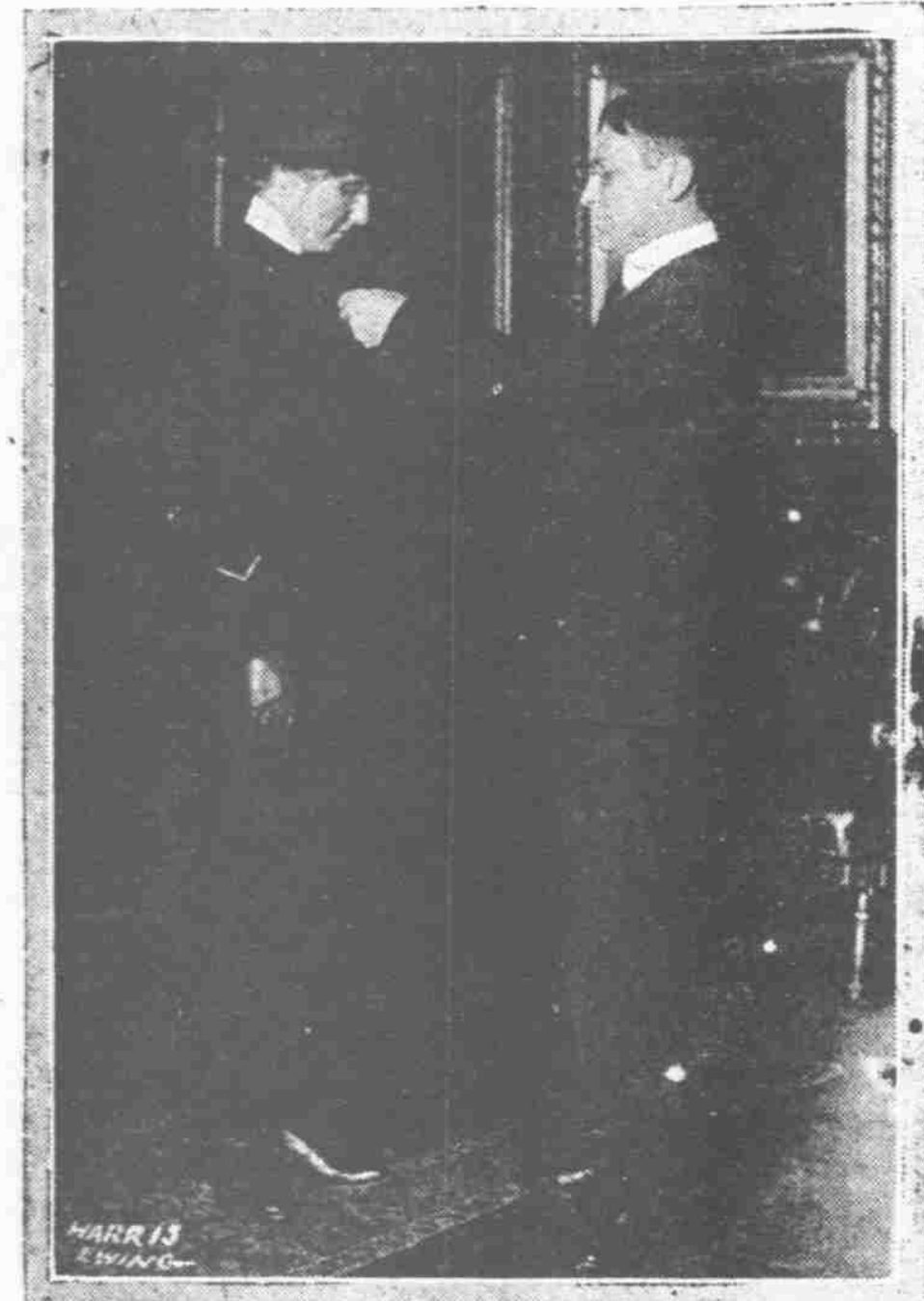
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## Woman Nurse Is Decorated For Unusual Bravery



Secretary Baker pinning the Distinguished Service Cross on Miss Beatrice MacDonald, of the reserve nurse army corps. Miss MacDonald was decorated for extraordinary heroism. During a German night air raid she continued at her post until she was wounded by a bomb, thereby losing an eye.

## SEC. BAKER PINS D. S. C. ON NURSE

Miss Beatrice Mary MacDonald, American Red Cross nurse, assigned to the army nurse corps, is today the first woman in the United States to wear the Distinguished Service Cross. This award was made to her yesterday by Secretary of War Baker, the presentation taking place in Secretary Baker's office. Miss MacDonald lives in New York.

"For extraordinary heroism against an armed foe, read the presentation order that bestowed the medal upon the army nurse, Miss MacDonald, as chief nurse of the Presbyterian Hospital unit, which left New York in 1916, was in an evacuation station immediately behind the lines when it was bombed by German air planes. This was on the night of August 17, 1917. She displayed remarkable courage during the bombardment, remaining in the operating room until a fragment of shell struck her in the face and destroyed the sight of her right eye."

In a personal letter to Miss MacDonald General Pershing praised her courage and also that of Miss Eva Jean Parmelee, of Springfield, Mass., who remained at her post after being wounded in an air raid. Both nurses have been recommended for the British Military Medal for "exceptional bravery."

When Miss MacDonald was asked to step forward in the Secretary's office yesterday and receive the cross, there was much applause, led by General March and joined in by the foreign officers who had come to receive distinguished service medals from the United States.

## WITHHOLDS RECORD OF COURTS-MARTIAL

General Pershing has refused to comply with the War Department orders to return to the War Department for review records of court-martial cases in France, Congressman Johnson of South Dakota said on the floor of the House.

Six of the cases, Johnson added, were ones in which men had been sentenced to death, and he declared that the men would be executed unless Congress acted before the close of this session.

Pershing, Johnson said, justified his refusal to comply with War Department orders on the ground that it is contrary to the articles of war.

## BRITISH TO PROBE LABOR CONDITIONS

LONDON, Feb. 28.—After an all-day session devoted to airing the various phases of labor unrest, the industrial conference, called by the government, and in which government ministers, labor leaders and representatives of the big employing interests participated, adopted a resolution presented by Arthur Henderson, laborite, for the appointment of a joint temporary committee, to be composed of thirty laborites and thirty capitalists, to make a thorough investigation into the question of hours, wages, general conditions of work, unemployment and its prevention and the best means for promoting the relations between capital and labor.

The committee will report back to the conference, which will reassemble on April 5.

At the suggestion of Premier Lloyd

## GILLETT CHOSEN SPEAKER OF HOUSE

With Frederick H. Gillett, veteran legislator in the House of Representatives from Springfield, Mass., wielding the Speaker's gavel in the next Congress, Republicans of the House, although openly in complete accord, today are conscious of New England's political power within her own representatives, as well as her tactfulness in attracting support from the Middle West.

Eastern America went to bat at the Republican caucus last night solidly for Gillett and he also attracted Middle Western support that gave him a handsome majority over his opponents, Congressman James R. Mann, minority floor leader of the House from Illinois, and Congressman Phillip Campbell, of Kansas.

### Wins By Big Vote.

Gillett polled 138; Mann, 69; Campbell, 13. A few straggling votes were bestowed on Congressman Mondell of Wyoming and Congressman Esch of Wisconsin.

The vote was kept secret, although some of the members who kept the tally made public the result. The official announcement was "unanimously for Gillett."

Still bearing his "campaign smile" which ever kept the Gillett forces vigilant, Congressman Madden, Mann's campaign manager, let it be known today the defeated Illinois candidate "is as happy as if he had never thought of running for the Speakership."

"There's no dissension," said Madden, adding: "We've got such big things ahead of us that it wouldn't be Republican of any man to remember his griefs."

Notable among the middle Western States that accorded Gillett support were Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

### Accept Mann's Plan.

Hardly, however, had the wild applause in acclaim of the new Massachusetts Speaker subsided before the caucus turned on his judgment, accepting the wisdom of Mann as to the method to be pursued in selection of the committee on Committees, which will be charged with naming the legislative committees of the next House.

Gillett proposed that the membership be taken by popular election of the caucus while Mann substituted with a proposition that will make the leader of each State delegation a member of the committee.

The latter, which is regarded as a victory for supporters of the seniority rule by which chairmen of House committees are chosen was adopted. The new sergeant-at-arms will be Joseph G. Rogers, of Philadelphia. His selection was practically unanimous.

mous over Congressman Cary, of Wisconsin, who retires March 4.

### Page to Be Clerk.

William Tyler Page, Montgomery county, Md., minority clerk of the present House, will be nominated clerk of the next House. Frank W. Collier, La Crosse, Wis., will be nominated postmaster.

The Gillett nomination was proposed by Congressman Green of Vermont.

Congressman Julius Kahn of California proposed the name of Mann, at the same time taking occasion to charge that he had displayed pacific tendencies during the war. An examination of his record, said Kahn, will clearly show that he has been and is now for national preparedness.

Congressman Campbell's name was brought in last and presented to the caucus by Congressman Ellsworth of Minnesota, as a "harmonizer." Ellsworth said that Campbell had held back from the race until he had become impressed by the "bitter re-

criminations" arising between the Gillett and Mann forces, and entered in an effort to harmonize the party. Bert W. Kennedy, of Grand Lodge, Mich., was made the new doorkeeper. He has a Capitol Hill service record nearly as lengthy as that of "Uncle Joe" Cannon. Kennedy has been in the Republican service for thirty years.

The State delegations selected the following to represent them on the Committee on Committees: Kahn, California; Timberlake, Colorado; Tilton, Connecticut; Layton, Delaware; French, Idaho; Mann, Illinois; Moore, Indiana; Green, Iowa; Anthony, Kansas; Langley, Kentucky; White, Maine; Mudd, Maryland; Winslow, Massachusetts; Volstead, Minnesota; Dyer, Missouri; Riddick, Montana; Reavis, Nebraska; Waon, New Hampshire; Bacharach, New Jersey; Hernandez, New Mexico; Dunn, New York; Young, North Dakota; Longworth, Ohio; Morgan, Oklahoma; Hawley, Oregon; Moore, Pennsylvania; Stines, Rhode Island; Felix, Tennessee; and Johnson, Washington; Wood-

## MANN GETS OVATION IN THE HOUSE TODAY

Republican floor leader James R. Mann—first of the speakership candidates to answer the morning rollcall—was the object of thunderous applause, that lasted fully two minutes, this morning. Mann, swimming in a mood of indecision and perplexed as to the intent of the reception, especially because the Democratic side of the House chimed in with such vigorous re-enforcement, stood silent without a trace of response, and when the applause had subsided, made a graceful bow and took his seat. When the speaker answered "here," both sides of the House immediately rose and engaged in a solemn cheering and applause.

Congressman Lebek, Democrat of Nebraska, greeted Mann for the Democratic side. Many Republicans shook Mann's hand. The successful candidate for the speakership, Congressman Frederick H. Gillett, of Massachusetts, had not appeared on the floor.

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